



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Alaska District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

Regulatory Division (1145)
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PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: 8 June 2007
EXPIRATION DATE: 9 July 2007
REFERENCE NUMBER: POA-1974-221-AA
WATERWAY: Beaufort Sea

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

APPLICANT: BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc., P.O. Box 196612, 900 East Benson Boulevard, Anchorage, Alaska 99519-6612

LOCATION: The project site is located within Section's 11, 14, and 23, T. 12 N., R. 14 E., Umiat Meridian; USGS Quad Map Beechey Point B-3; Latitude 70.3870° N., Longitude -148.5157° W.; near Deadhorse, Alaska.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is: to restore and maintain the integrity of the West Dock Causeway side slopes, erosion protection structures and dock heads.

PROPOSED WORK: Due to the substantial number of potential maintenance sites and various quantities proposed to be deposited between sites the applicants narrative and tabular information are listed below to describe the proposed work.

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standardize these remedial measures using gravel bags in combination with underlying filter fabric to stabilize the WDC side slopes.

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- Inspection and replacement of gravel bags and installation of new ones at locations identified during annual field assessments.

Proposed 10-Year Erosion Control Measures

The operational plan for the WDC side slopes consists of continuing to conduct spring and fall inspections and using the inspection findings to identify and prioritize maintenance repair activities and capital improvements.

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Maintenance:

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STP Pad	West	Sacrificial Beach	0	5,000
		Total	17,500	71,000
Note: It is highly unlikely that the maximum quantity will be required at all of the foregoing facilities in any given year.				

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Middle Leg	E & W	650-ft Breach Revetments	0	300
North Leg	East	Groin Nos. 5 and 6	0	100
STP Pad	E, N, W	Gravel Bag Revetments	100	600
		Total Bags	100	1,325
Notes: (1) It is highly unlikely that the maximum quantity will be required at all of the foregoing facilities in any given year.				
(2) Each bag requires 4 cy of gravel fill (maximum 5,300 cy/yr)				

It is anticipated the gravel will be derived from a combination of: 1) recycled dredge spoils obtained from DH2, DH3, and/or adjacent to the STP seawater intake; and 2) new gravel sources. No gravel will be placed outside the existing (original) permitted footprint of the WDC.

These activities do not constitute any substantive change from what was previously identified in BPXA's Erosion Control Maintenance Plans included as part of earlier versions of the WDC Coordination Plan. As such, BPXA will plan to complete the WDC in-water construction activities prior to September 1 of each year. The project is not expected to generate significant quantities of waste materials. Any waste that results from the erosion control activities will be disposed of in an approved manner at existing facilities. Solid wastes will be hauled off-site for disposal at the North Slope Borough landfill. Combustibles will be transported to the North Slope Borough incinerator."

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The West Dock Causeway has been in existence since the mid - 1970's with on-going maintenance and dredging. If a permit is issued for the proposed maintenance action some portion or all of the material dredged under Public Notice POA-1979-291-00 (assuming a permit is issued) would be used as erosion control material on the West Dock Causeway. Additional information on the proposed dredging can be obtained via review of Corps Public Notice POA-1979-291-00 published concurrently with this public notice.

MITIGATION: The applicant has proposed no mitigation. The Corps will determine appropriate mitigation via the inter-agency coordination and public comment process.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CERTIFICATION: Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone, Management Act of 1972, as amended by 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3), requires the applicant to certify the described activity affecting land or water uses in the Coastal Zone complies with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. A permit will not be issued until the Office of Project Management and Permitting, Department of Natural Resources has concurred with the applicant's certification.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There are no listed or eligible properties in the vicinity of the worksite. Consultation of the AHRS constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Commander at this time, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The project area is within the known or historic range of the Steller's and Spectacled Eiders, Eskimo Curlew and Polar Bear.

Preliminarily, the described activity is not likely to affect the Steller's or Spectacled Eiders, will have no effect on the Eskimo Curlew and is not likely to jeopardize the existence of the Polar Bear, or modify their designated critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal

agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

Preliminarily, the described activity will affect EFH in the project area. This Public Notice initiates EFH consultation with the NMFS. Any comments or recommendations they may have concerning EFH will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander during the public comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the

National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Keith Gordon at (907) 753-2712, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at keith.q.gordon@poa02.usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities:

(X) Perform work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States - Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States - Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

() Transport dredged material for the purpose of dumping it into ocean waters - Section 103 Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the criteria established under authority of Section 102(a) of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, as amended (40 CFR Parts 220 to 229), as appropriate.

Project drawings, Notice of Application for Certification of Consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program, and Notice of Application for State Water Quality Certification are enclosed with this Public Notice.

District Commander
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

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May 30, 2007

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Request for Modification to Department of the Army Permits
Beaufort Sea 10 (Permit No. 1974-0221),
Beaufort Sea 20 (Permit No. 1979-0291), and
Erosion Control and Maintenance Plan at West Dock Causeway

Dear Mr. Gordon:

BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. (BPXA) requests U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) approval to continue erosion control and repair activities on the West Dock Causeway over the next 10-year period. The West Dock Causeway (WDC) consists of three legs (South, Middle, and North; see attached figures); the North Leg contains the Waterflood Extension and the Seawater Treatment Plant (STP). The WDC erosion control activities will continue to be conducted as indicated in the revised WDC Coordination Plan dated May 2007 and as discussed in the WDC Spring Stakeholders' Meeting held at BPXA on April 20, 2007.

Background and Project History

In July 2000, BPXA assumed operator responsibility for the WDC and, as such, BPXA is responsible for all aspects of the operational activities on or around the WDC. Since 2000, at the request of agencies, BPXA has conducted WDC Stakeholder meetings twice a year for users and interested agencies. Each year, the spring meeting has served to inform users and agencies of the erosion control activities planned for the WDC and to update BPXA's WDC Coordination Plan. Users meet again in the fall to discuss the activities that occurred, any lessons learned, and activities expected for the coming year.

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Since assuming the role as operator, BPXA submitted open-water activity approval requests to the USACE in letters dated June 1, 2001, June 5, 2002, March 11, 2003, May 13, 2003, June 20, 2003, June 16, 2004, June 20, 2005, and June 12, 2006. To better understand the sediment transport dynamics and associated erosion problems of the WDC, BPXA also initiated an annual monitoring program consisting of spring and fall assessments of the WDC side slopes (described in more detail in the WDC Coordination Plan). The findings have helped to identify areas of erosion and accretion to assist in planning subsequent WDC maintenance activities. The findings are presented at the WDC Spring Stakeholders' Meeting each year.

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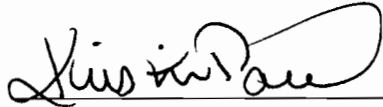
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The erosion control activities will be coordinated by Henry Harrington and Mark Pokorny, BPXA's WDC Coordinators, in accordance with the long-range operations plan for the WDC. Mr. Harrington, or his designee, has reviewed and concurs with this submittal.

Mr. Keith Gordon
May 30, 2007
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (907) 564-5612, Lee Ann Gardner at (907) 688-1400, or Henry Harrington/Mark Pokorny at (907) 659-5734.

Sincerely,



Kristin Paul, Permitting Advisor
HSE-Alaska

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Attachments (Figures dated May 2007):

- Figure 1 – Vicinity Map
- Figure 2 – Sequential Expansion of West Dock Causeway 1975-2006
- Figure 3 – West Dock Causeway Erosion Control from Shore to Dock Head No. 2 and Large Breach
- Figure 4 – Erosion Control West Dock Head No. 2 Detail
- Figure 5 – Erosion Control West Dock Causeway to West Dock Head No. 3
- Figure 6 – Erosion Control West Dock Head No. 3, PM-2 and Small Breach
- Figure 7 – Erosion Control STP and North End of West Dock Causeway Coastal Project Questionnaire

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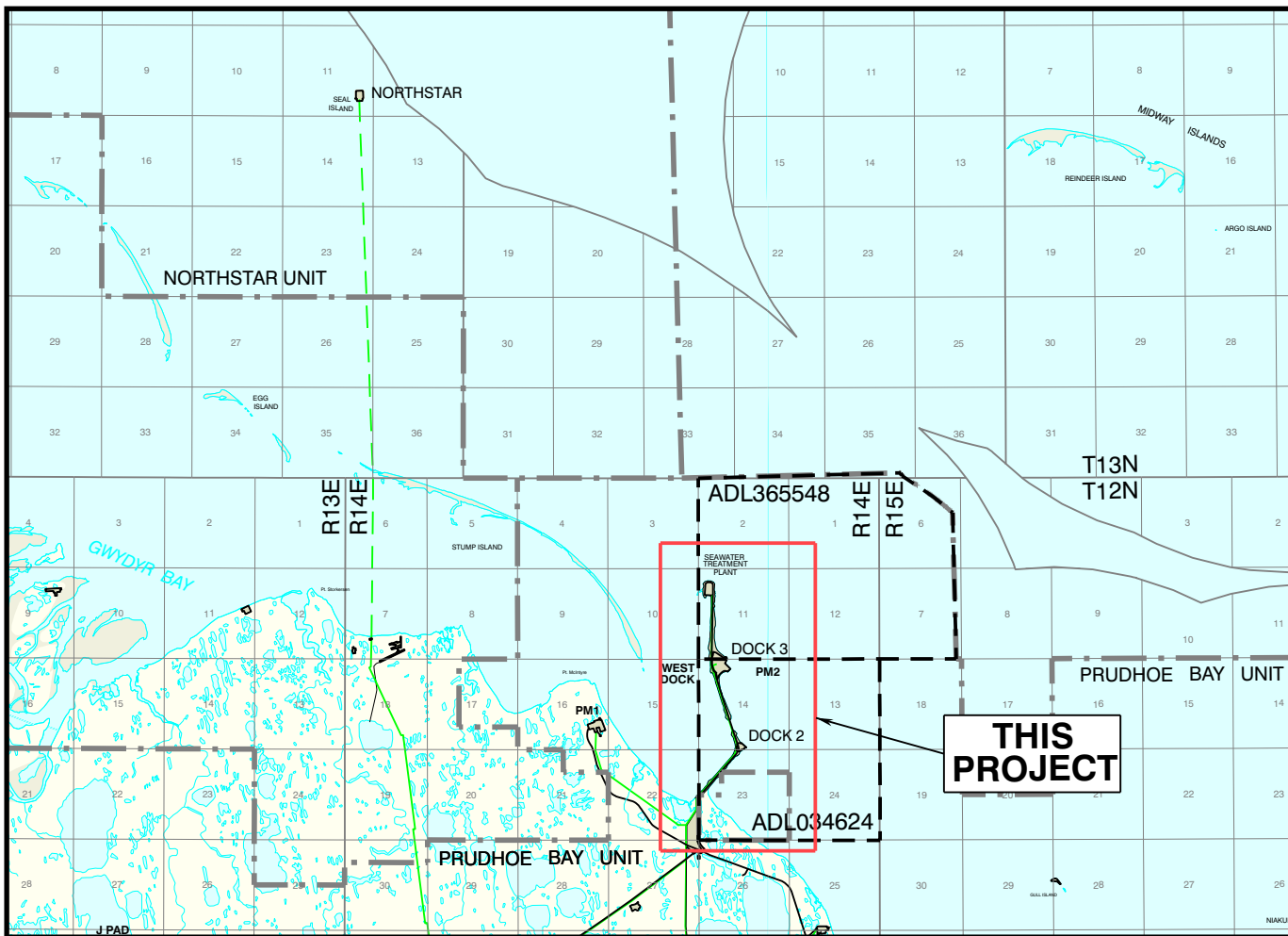
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1069.07.07, Erosion Control STP/Maintenance Dredging DH2/DH3 – 2007



This map is based on U.S.G.S. quad Beechey Point (B-3)
and on the Unit Operator's Facility Maps.



PROJECT LOCATION:

All coordinates are NAD83

WEST DOCK HEAD NO. 2

LAT. = 70° 23' 13.3"
LONG. = 148° 30' 56.7"

X = 1,822,881.59 FEET

Y = 5,993,228.15 FEET

ASP ZONE 4 NAD 83

WEST DOCK HEAD NO. 3

LAT. = 70° 23' 59.1"
LONG. = 148° 31' 25.3"

X = 1,821,791.52 FEET

Y = 5,997,857.47 FEET

ASP ZONE 4 NAD 83

SEAWATER TREATMENT PLANT

LONG. = 70° 24' 43.7"

LONG. = 148° 31' 52.2"

X = 1,820,767.10 FEET

Y = 6,002,366.73 FEET

ASP ZONE 4 NAD 83

SECS. 11, 14, 23, T12N, R14E, UMIAT M.

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DATUM: MEAN SEA LEVEL

PURPOSE: MAINTENANCE

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER:

STATE OF ALASKA

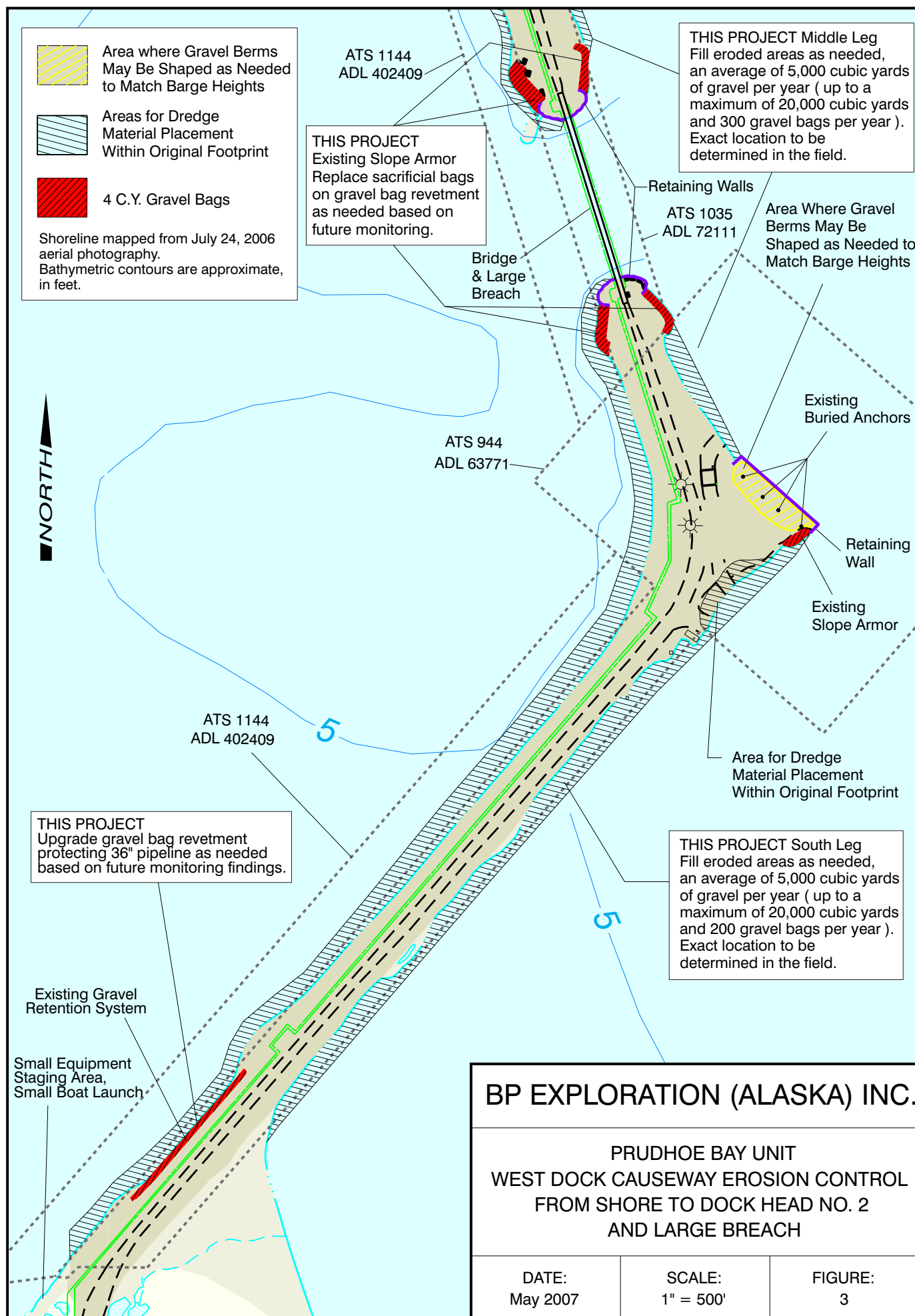
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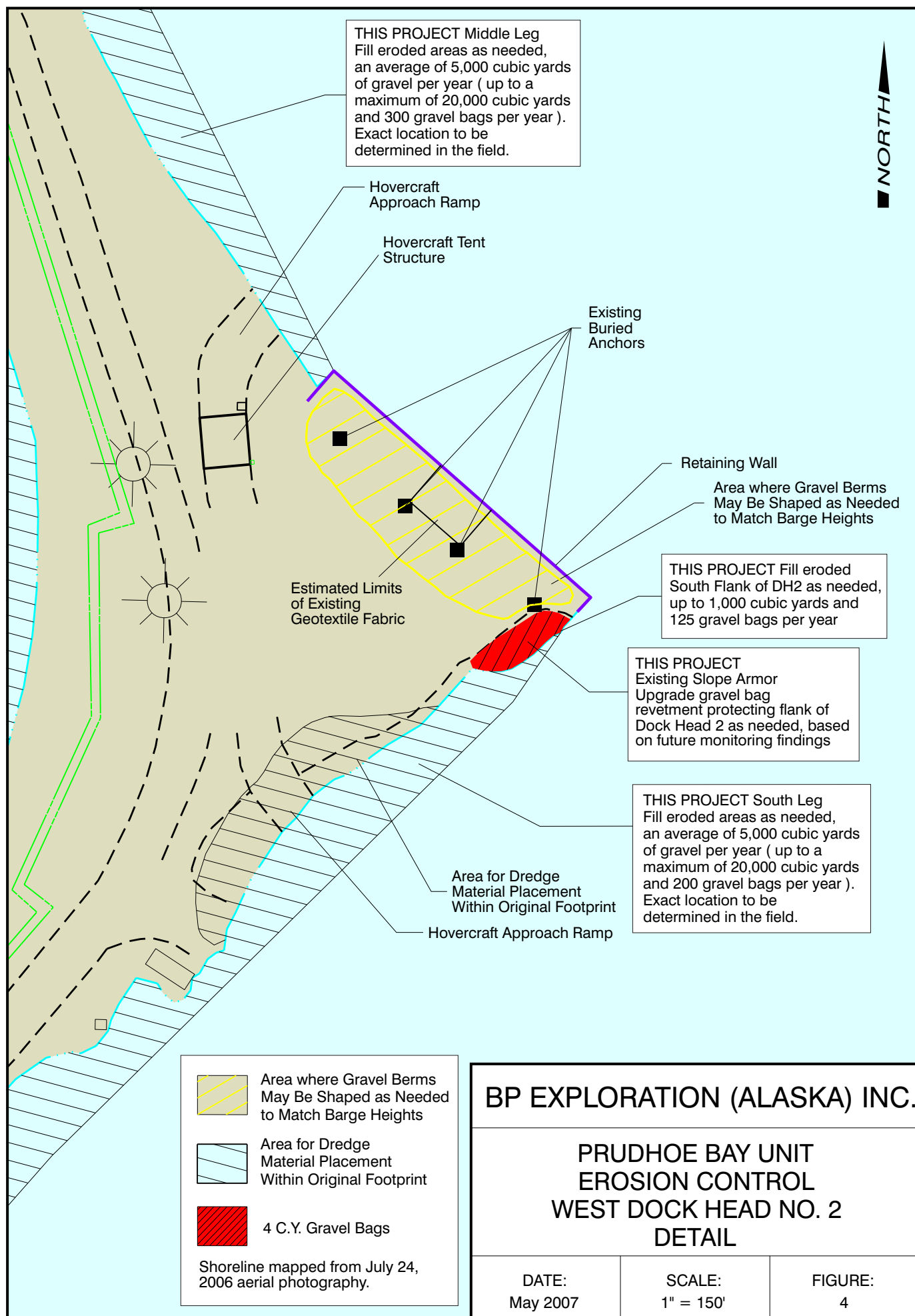
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WEST DOCK CAUSEWAY
VICINITY MAP**

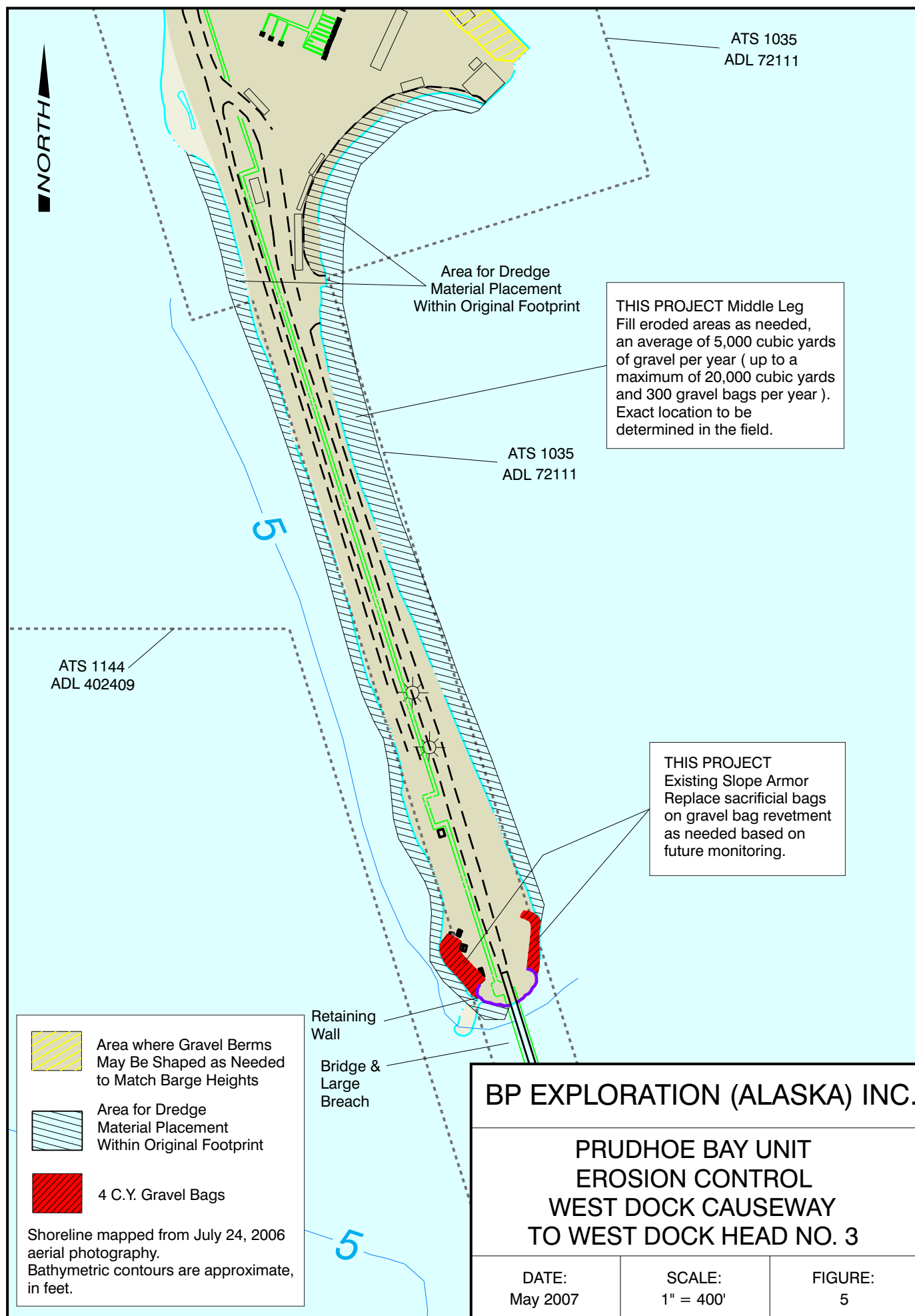
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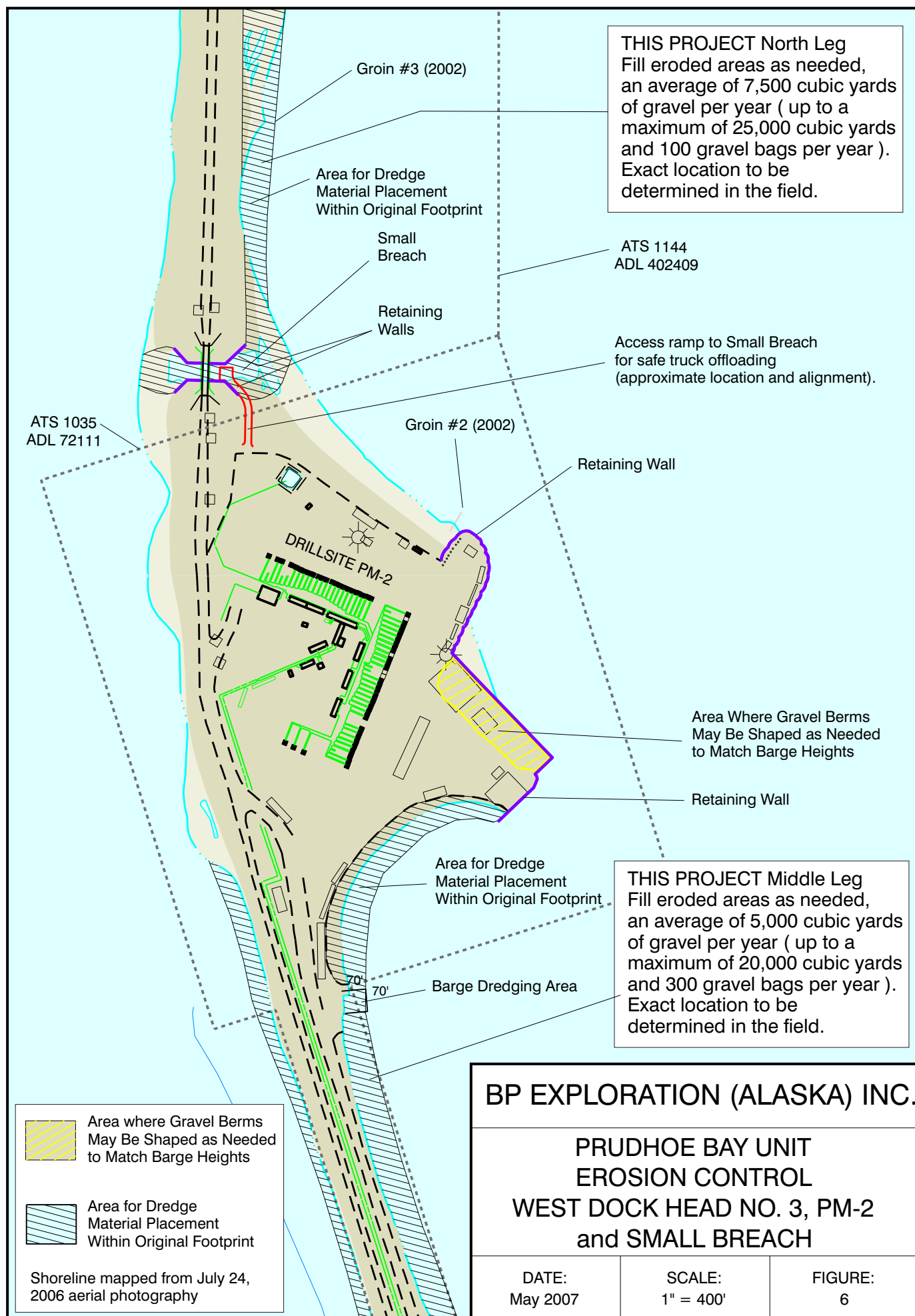
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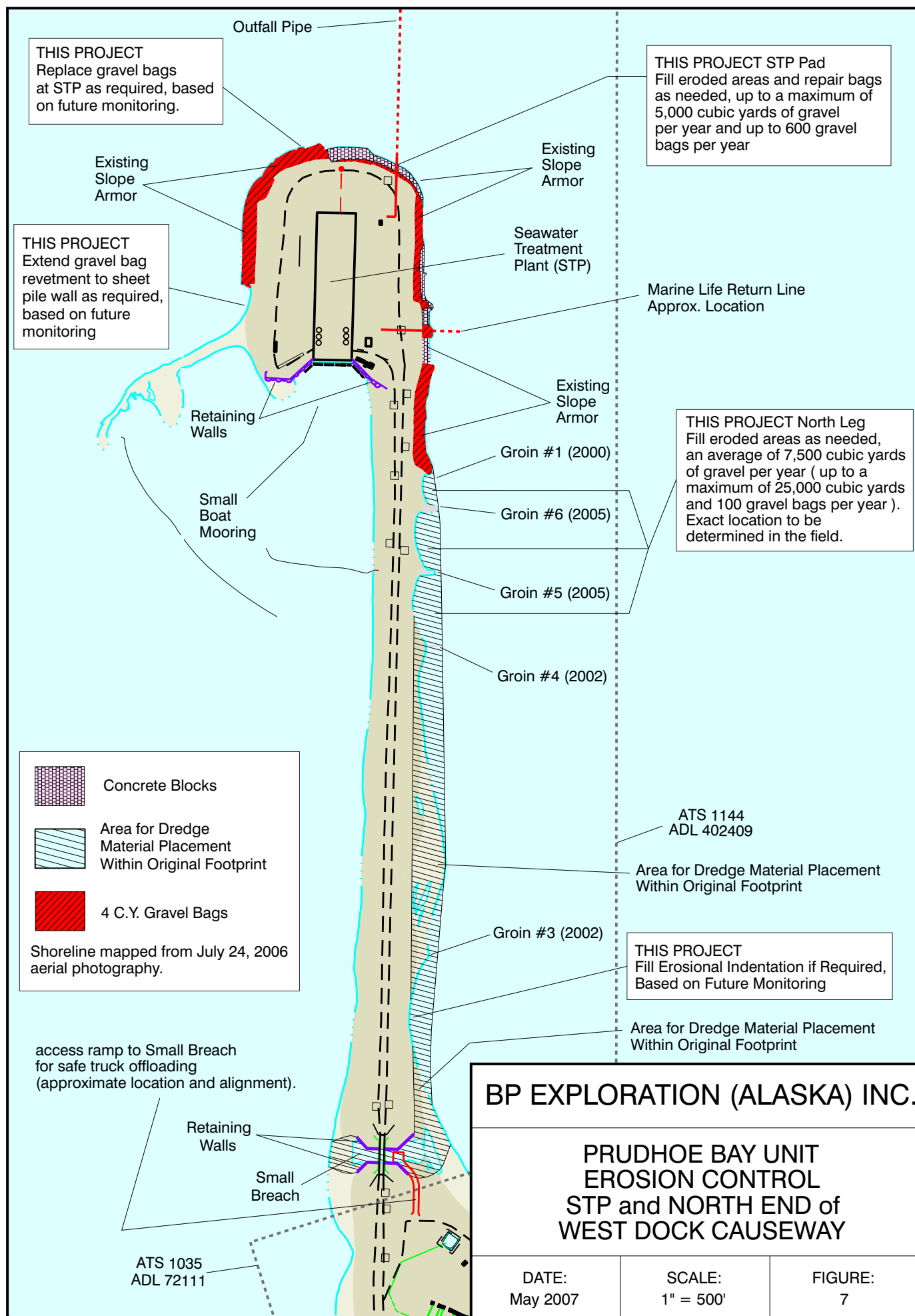
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR
CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE
ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that a request is being filed with the Office of Project Management and Permitting for a consistency determination, as provided in Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)], that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. POA-1974-221-AA, Beaufort Sea, will comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

This project is being reviewed for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Written comments about the consistency of the project with the applicable ACMP statewide standards and district policies must be submitted to the Office of Project Management and Permitting (OPMP). For information about this consistency review, contact OPMP at the address or phone number above, or visit the ACMP web site at <http://www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us//Projects/projects.html>.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER
401 Certification Program
Non-Point Source Water Pollution Control Program

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR
STATE WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Any applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct an activity that might result in a discharge into navigable waters, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL95-217), also must apply for and obtain certification from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation that the discharge will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. By agreement between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation, application for a Department of the Army permit to discharge dredged or fill material into navigable waters under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act also may serve as application for State Water Quality Certification.

Notice is hereby given that the application for a Department of the Army Permit described in the Corps of Engineers' Public Notice No. POA-1974-221-AA, Beaufort Sea, serves as application for State Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

After reviewing the application, the Department may certify there is reasonable assurance the activity, and any discharge that might result, will comply with the Clean Water Act, the Alaska Water Quality Standards, and other applicable State laws. The Department also may deny or waive certification.

Any person desiring to comment on the project, with respect to Water Quality Certification, may submit written comments to the address above by the expiration date of the Corps of Engineer's Public Notice.